



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

OCT 16 2008

Sally Haas, President
Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce
850 Beaver Grade Road
Moon Township, Pennsylvania 15108

RE: MUR 5749

Dear Ms. Haas:

On May 19, 2006, the Federal Election Commission notified your organization, the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On October 8, 2008, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, information provided by you, and the results of our investigation that there is no reason to believe the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce violated the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce. The Factual and Legal Analysis, explaining the Commission's finding, is enclosed.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Cameron Thurber", is written over a horizontal line.

J. Cameron Thurber
Attorney

Enclosure
Factual and Legal Analysis

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS****RESPONDENT: Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce****MUR: 5749****I. INTRODUCTION**

This matter was generated by a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") by the Center for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1). For the reasons set forth below, the Commission finds no reason to believe that the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce ("PAACC") violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act").

II. DISCUSSION**A. Facts**

The complaint mentions that the PAACC, a GSP Consulting Corporation ("GSP") client, made an earmarked contribution through GSP Consulting Corporation PAC ("GSP PAC"), but makes no allegations concerning the PAACC. Disclosure reports show that on January 12 and February 2, 2004 the PAACC PAC (not the PAACC itself) made earmarked contributions of \$200 and \$50, respectively, to People for Hart, and on August 23, 2004, made a \$250 earmarked contribution to Tim Murphy for Congress. All three contributions flowed through GSP PAC. When contacted, Sally Haas, treasurer of the PAACC PAC, stated she remembered the January 12 and August 23 contributions, but did not remember how the PAACC PAC was solicited.

B. Analysis

An investigation revealed that neither the PAACC nor the PAACC PAC violated the Act, and was apparently only mentioned in the complaint as an entity that may have been improperly

1 solicited by GSP. Therefore, there is no reason to believe the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber
2 of Commerce violated the Act.

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